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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF SECRETARY'S PILGRIMS SPEECH
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1. IF SECRETARY'S SPEECH EVOLVES AS MAJOR POLITICAL STATE-
MENT YOU EXPECT, WE CAN ANTICIPATE FULLEST TREATMENT IN
INTERPRETIVE PIECES, EDITORIALS AND BY SYNDICATED COLUMN-
ISTS; INFORMED CIRCLES HERE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING THOUGHT-
THROUGH STATEMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY VIS-A-VIS EUROPE FOR
SOME WHILE, AT LEAST SINCE OPEN DIVISIONS APPEARED IN
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE POST OCT. 6.

2. WE CANNOT IMPRESS ON TRAVELING PARTY ENOUGH, HOWEVER,
NEED TO HAVE IN HAND, TIMELY FASHION, APPROVED TEXT OF
SPEECH FOR ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION AT THIS END ASAP. SPEC-
IFICALLY IF WE EXPECT PUBLICATION OF FULL TEXT OR IMPORTANT*EXT*ACTS THEREOF IN OPINION-MAKING NEWSPAPERS IN THE US,
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1500 EST WED. DEC. 12. WE SIMPLY CANNOT, AS TECHNICAL
MATTER, PLACE TEXT MUCH LATER THAN THAT.

3. REGARDLESS OF QUESTION PUBLICATION OF TEXT OR IMPORTANT EXCERPTS IN MAJOR PAPERS, WE CAN EXPECT EDITORIALISTS / INTERPRETERS /COLUMNISTS TO TREAT SPEECH AS IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THE ALLIES,THE ALLIANCE ,

AND ITS FUTURE. AS YOU WELL KNOW, MANY CLOSE OBSERVERS OF THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP EAGERLY, EVEN ANXIOUSLY AWAITING SECRETARY'S NEXT STATEMENT AMERICAN ATTITUDES THIS SUBJECT.

4. OF COURSE, WE WILL DISTRIBUTE WITH APPROPRIATE COVER-ING LETTER ETC., TEXT OF SPEECH TO OPINION LEADERS IN PRESS, BUSINESS, AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES. THIS WILL BE HANDLED BY AMBASSADOR LAISE. RUSH

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